Planning Commission Comments December 11, 2012

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Mr. Harris – Voted to approve.

Mr. **Gibbs** – Voted to approve amendment. Future amendments pro & con, as urban/suburban "farming" needs arise or problems encountered. Crafts & production need evaluation to permit sales & production. All above contribute to local economy & provide access to food. Good public interaction also.

Mr. Martin – Yes, to better address this business in our market.

Ms. **Mitchell-Allen** – I voted to approve. However, I believe that the planning department should incorporate the allowance of the sale of as well as establishing a threshold for the allowance of the sale of crafts.

Mr. Padgett – I voted yes. I will follow up to assure the concerns of community are addressed.

Mr. **Smudski** – Good start on a workable ordinance. I appreciate the caution and concern the staff has shown in considering all sides. The additions suggested at the meeting, parking compost and aquaponics, are viable services and should be allowed as soon as practicable.

Mr. Whitley – I voted to not approve.

Ms. **Winders** – This ordinance provides a good start, but farmers markets should be able to sell crafts. The sale of crafts may be very important to financial viability of markets.

Unidentified – Citizens comments and concerns regarding parking, aquaponics, compost, crafts, etc. deserve further Consideration. I would love to see crafts included at a farmers market. But the text amendment is an improvement as it stands. And should be approved which these topics are examined further. For a future text change in the near future.